Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The price of paddy at the time of the Land Revenue Settlement varied from 6 to 10 annas per parah. The present price ranges between 5¼ to 7½ annas per parah. At no time after the last Settlement has the price gone so low as at present.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there not places where paddy is sold for 4½ annas ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Not that I am aware of. The reports which I have got do not show that paddy is sold at 4½ annas at any place.

Price of cocoanuts.

22. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the price of cocoanuts at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement and what is the price at present;

(b) has the price of any agricultural produce in Cochin gone higher at present than at the time of the Settlement; if so, what and by how much ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The price of cocoanuts at the time of the last Revenue Settlement ranged between Rs. 2—14—0 to Rs. 6—0—0 per hundred. The present price varies from Rs. 1—8—0 to Rs. 3—0—0 per hundred.

(b) Nothing definite can be stated as statistics relating to price of all agricultural products at the time of Settlement are not available.

Remission of Land Revenue.

23. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have up till now (23—11—1933) passed any orders giving effect to the Council Resolution recommending a 12½% remission of land revenue; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether they propose to give any further relief to the agriculturers, in view of the acute 'Depression' which still continues unabated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) (b) and (c) Orders have since been passed. The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 19.

Roads maintained by the Panchayat.

24. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total length of roads in the State maintained by Panchayats at present and the amount set apart for their maintenance for the year 1109;

(b) the amount allotted for the maintenance of such roads

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in 1108 and the amount spent in 1108 and the amount lapsed, if any;

(c) the total length of roads maintained by the Public Works Department at present and the amount set apart for their maintenance in 1109?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) 1. Total length of roads maintained at present—545 m. 3 f. 45½ yards.

2. The amount set apart for maintenance in 1109—Rs. 32,178—0—0.

(d) The amount allotted for the maintenance in 1108 including those additionally sanctioned for certain Panchayats—Rs. 14,658—0—0.

2. Amount spent—Rs. 13,694—1—2.

3. Amount lapsed by way of tender savings Rs. 963—14—10.

The total length of roads to be maintained by the Public Works Department in 1109 is 477 miles 2 furlongs and 1 yard and the total allotment for maintenance is Rs. 2,03,882 as budgetted.

Palappilli Reserve Forest—Sholayar Valley.

25. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

1. who met the survey charges in exchanging Palappilli Reserve Forest for the Sholayar Valley Rubber Estate for the Kerala Calicut Estate Limited;

2. what did the Government gain by the transaction?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—1. The expenditure was in the first instance met by the Forest Department and subsequently recovered from the Estate authorities.

2. The question of exchange was since dropped and not given effect to. The Government did not stand to lose or gain anything on this score.

Chittur Kanam lands—purchaser.

26. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

have the Government realised the amount of Rs. 2,192-14-6 due in 1107 from a defaulting purchaser of Chittur Kanam lands; if not, at what stage the matter stands at present; who is the defaulter and with whom is the plot now?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No such item as that referred to is traceable. All lands handed over to parties have been paid for.

Diwan Peishkars.

27. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many Diwan Peishkars (acting

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